

Application No.: 10/722,135
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REMARKS

Claims 31-72 are pending in the application. Applicants have cancelled claims 1-30 without prejudice or disclaimer and added new claims 31-72. Support for these new claims can be found in the original claims and specification, as indicated in the table appended herewith. Applicants have also amended the specification to correct minor informalities made of record in the parent to this application. Accordingly, new matter has not been added. Applicants await an action on the merits.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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SUPPORT FOR NEW CLAIMS IN THE PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The following is a showing of support in the specification for the newly added claims.

Claim	Limitation	Support in specification (paragraph/page)
31	the general breathable film product comprising a composition that contains less than or equal to about 0.285% by weight of agglomerates having a diameter less than about 200µm but greater than the thickness of the breathable film	[023]/8
32, 33	diameter ranges for the agglomerates	[024]/8
34, 35	thickness ranges for the breathable film	[094]/32
36-38	agglomerates level	[026]/9
39-41	the inorganic particulate material comprising different carbonates	[031]/10-11
42	the mineral additive chosen from kaolin, wollastonite, bauxite, talc, or mica	[031]/11
43-55	defining various particle sizes	[032]/11-12
56	defining the specific surface area of the inorganic particulate material	[032]/11
57-59	moisture pick up value	[032]/12
60	loss on ignition value	[032]/12
61, 62	total surface moisture content	[034]/12

63-66	applications for the breathable film	[035]/12-13
67, 68, 70	fatty acids found in the hydrophobizing surface treatment agent, including stearic acid and behenic acid.	[039]/14
69	stearic acid is in liquid form	[053]/18
71	breathable film further comprising a thermoplastic polymer	[038]/13-14
72	microstructure comprising interconnected pores of less than about 30µm	[030]/10